Dear Jacob K. Javits Project Director:

This package contains the paperwork you need to request fiscal year 2004 continuation support for Javits fellows enrolled at your institution. Jacob K. Javits Fellowships funded through the U.S. Department of Education are renewable for up to three additional years of study or completion of degree whichever comes first. Student may receive continuation fellowship support provided they have financial need and made satisfactory academic progress. The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program is authorized by Part A of Title VII, of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA) This report is required for you to request continuation fellowships for eligible students for the Fall 2004.

This report is due to the Department of Education by April 30, 2004. Please submit a separate *Report of Financial Need and Certification* for each cohort if your institution has received multiple grant awards. Please note that the submission deadline will be heavily enforced.

The enclosed list, fiscal year 2003 <u>Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Continuations by Institution and Cohort</u> indicates all of the Javits Fellows currently enrolled at your institution who were awarded a fellowship. For students who will be continuing on the Javits Fellowship, please complete the *Report of Financial Need and Certification* form according to cohort. For those students who have completed their Javits funding, indicate the student's status (graduated, withdrawn, or completed fellowship tenure) on the Report.

The maximum fellowship for fiscal year 2003 was \$ 32,796 including a maximum stipend of \$ 21,500 and institutional payment of \$ 11,296. The continuation paperwork collects information on the previous years amounts. The actual amounts will be adjusted to meet the maximum stipend of the National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Program. The institutional payment will be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index at the end of the year. We will automatically adjust your fellowship continuation requests accordingly. No fellowship stipend can exceed the student's financial need or the maximum stipend.

This package also contains a letter from the Javits Program staff at the U.S. Department of Education for use by Javits Coordinators at grantee institutions. It may be used to notify fellows about filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSFA) necessary for the Title IV need calculation. The Department of Education recommends that you forward this letter to each Javits Fellow attending your institution before the winter break. Use of this letter is not required, but is provided to assist you in receiving the required information.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone: (202) 502-7542, fax (202) 502-7859, or e-mail: <u>Carmen.Gordon@ed.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Carmen Gordon Program Officer Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program

Enclosures (4):

Report of Financial Need and Certification (ED 40-1304) and Instructions [current fiscal year] Jacob K. Javits Continuation Fellowships by Institution and Cohort "Dear Continuing Javits Fellow" Letter Certifications

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A REPORT OF FINANCIAL NEED AND CERTIFICATION FOR THE JACOB K. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

General

Complete one form for each cohort of Jacob K. Javits Fellows attending your institution. The Department of Education tracks funds for Jacob K. Javits Fellows according to the fiscal year in which they were initially awarded a Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. All fellows initially awarded a fellowship in a particular fiscal year constitute a cohort. Thus, you complete one form for each fiscal year listing all fellows in that particular cohort.

Determine the level of financial need of each Jacob K. Javits Fellow on the enclosed list before completing these forms. Each Jacob K. Javits Fellow's demonstrated level of financial need must be reflected on these forms. Financial need is determined each year on the basis of the requirements for need analysis prescribed by Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), except that tuition and fees are excluded from the student's cost of attendance. Tuition and fees are excluded because the fellowship includes an institutional payment that is in provided in lieu of tuition and fees normally charged to the student. Your institution's financial aid office may be able to provide you with this information or assistance in calculating financial need.

Continuing fellows **must** complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) immediately and submit the results to your institution for financial need determination. The FAFSA is available on the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students do not need a "PIN" number to file the FAFSA via the web.

Part I: Jacob K. Javits Fellowships Instructions

- Item 1. Name and Address of Grantee (Institution) Self-explanatory.
- **Item 2. Grant Number** Enter the ten-digit grant number that always begins with **P170B**.

Note: There is a separate grant number for each cohort (group) of Jacob K. Javits fellows. Remember that a cohort includes all fellows initially awarded a fellowship in a particular fiscal year. Insert the number from the column entitled "PR#" on your grant award notification document or on the enclosed list of continuing fellows (if any). The first digit after the **B** indicates the fiscal year of the initial award. For example, P170B010000 is the number for a fellow initially awarded in fiscal year 2001. This number remains the same throughout the period of a student's fellowship. In some documents, you may see a 2-digit suffix, for example, -99. Ignore the suffix for purposes of completing this form. The suffix indicates the current fiscal year.

Item 3. Budget Period Covered by Report The budget period is the current funding period of the Javits fellowship. The dates for the current funding period, September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2003 are indicated at the top of the report form.

Item 4a. and 4b. Contact Person and Phone # The person at the institution whom the Department of Education should contact regarding the administration of Javits Fellowships.

Item 5. Name of Fellow List each fellow to whom the grant number in item 2 applies. A list of fellows at your institution is enclosed. Enter the last name first, followed by the first name and middle initial. List all fellows for that grant number. Please indicate those fellows who, since your last report, have withdrawn, taken a leave of absence, or transferred to another institution. Please also indicate if a fellow has become less than a full-time student, or who plan to withdraw, take a leave of absence, or transfer during the current budget period.

NEVER CHANGE A FELLOW FROM ONE COHORT YEAR (and the accompanying ten-digit grant number) TO ANOTHER.

Enter "0" for any fellow who failed to submit his or her financial aid forms in time for you to calculate his or her financial need.

- (A) Total Financial Need Enter each fellow's total financial need, as determined under Part F of Title IV. (Cost of graduate attendance minus the student's estimated family contribution minus tuition & fees.) If the student's financial need is zero, he or she is not eligible for any part of the Javits Fellowship.
- (B) Stipend Request Enter the stipend request for each fellow. The stipend request should equal the fellow's financial need and cannot exceed the maximum stipend amount for the fiscal year.
- (C) Months of Study Enter the number of months of study projected for each fellow (maximum 12 months) during the budget period covered by this report. The fellowship can be calculated on a nine-month schedule if the student will not be enrolled during the summer semester.
- (D) Institutional Allowance For each fellow who will be enrolled for the full academic year (12 month period including the fall, spring and summer), enter the institutional payment amount. If a fellow will attend less than a full academic year, enter a ratably reduced amount.

Note: The fellowship provides an institutional allowance that is in lieu of all tuition and fees normally charged to the student for the period of enrollment. The

allowance must be reduced by any amount collected by the institution from a fellow for tuition and other expenses related to the fellow's educational program (34 CFR 650.41).

- **(E) Unused Funds (if any)** Enter any funds that your institution did not use if the fellow:
 - Took a leave of absence after you submitted last year's report; (note: an interruption of study is not allowed in the first year of the fellowship)
 - Withdrew or graduated after you submitted last year's report; or
 - Transferred to another institution after you submitted last year's report.
- **(F) Full-time status** Certify whether each fellow will be devoting essentially full time to his or her educational program by entering "Yes" or "No". If "No", provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet of paper.
- **(G) Leave status** If a fellow will be on approved leave for all or part of the award year, indicate the number of months. If the fellow will not be on leave, enter "No".

Note: Section 701 of the HEA permits an institution to allow a fellowship recipient an interruption of study for a period not to exceed 12 months for the purpose of work, travel, or independent study away from the campus if the independent study is supportive of the fellowship recipient's academic program. A fellow on a leave of absence does not receive financial support during the period of his or her leave, unless the leave is for the purpose of travel supportive of the fellow's academic program or independent study supportive of the fellow's academic program. Attach on a separate sheet a brief explanation if you believe the fellow is entitled to support under these conditions.

- (H) Academic Progress Certify whether each fellow is making substantial progress in his or her educational program by entering "Yes" or "No". If "No", provide a brief explanation on a separate sheet of paper.
- (I) Employment Certification Certify that each fellow will not be engaged in gainful employment (other than on a part-time basis as specified below) during the budget period by entering "Yes".

Note: A fellow may work part time, but only for the institution he or she attends, and only in teaching, research, or similar activity approved by the Secretary.

(J) Methodology Certification Certify that each fellow's financial need was calculated using the same manner as that in which the institution calculates all other graduate students' financial need under Part F of Title IV of the HEA by entering Yes.

Item 6. Totals Self-explanatory.

Complete Part II, the Agreement Certification.

Submit your report and certifications to:

Carmen Gordon, Program Officer Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program Teacher and Student Development Service U. S. Department of Education 1990 K Street, N.W. Suite 6000 Washington, DC 20006-8521

You may fax an advance copy of the report to (202)502-7859.

PART II. AGREEMENT CERTIFICATION (required by 34 CFR 650.40) FOR THE JACOB K. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The applicant,	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE AND DATE	
An authorized official must review all data entered and certify that the Report of Financial Need and Certification is accurate and complete.	
The authorized official is:	
Typed Name of Authorized Official	Signature of Authorized Official
Title of Authorized Official	Date
Name of Institution of Higher Education	(Area Code) Number
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